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Contract

## **Pen-Testing (ITHC) Draw Down Contract for the AI Safety Institute**

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

F03: Contract award notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

DESNZ & DSIT Group Commercial

London

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-science-innovation-and-technology>

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Pen-Testing (ITHC) Draw Down Contract for the AI Safety Institute

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Department for Science, Innovation & Technology ("DSIT" or the "Buyer" or "the Authority") commissioned a contract with a suitable supplier for Penetration Testing Services through Cyber Security Services 3 / RM3764.3.

The project was commissioned by the Artificial Intelligence Safety Institute (AIS), a directorate within the Department of Science and Innovation Technology (DSIT) (the Contracting Authority) through Crown Commercial Services "Cyber Security Services 3 / RM3764.3".

AISI sought a partner to consult on an ad hoc basis for pen-testing of up to 20 applications per year following the CHECK standard.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

AISI sought a partner to consult on an ad hoc basis for pen-testing of up to 20 applications per year following the CHECK standard.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

N/A - Procured through Crown Commercial Services "Cyber Security Services 3 / RM3764.3 "

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

21 November 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 14

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Arcanum Information Security Ltd

Caerphilly, Wales

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £150,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court of Justice

Westminster, London

Country

United Kingdom